

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on July 12, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully considered.

In this Amendment, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 7, as well as a portion of intervening claim 4, editorially amended claims 2 through 4 and 6, and canceled claim 7. Claim 1 is the independent claim, and claims 1-6 and 8-11 remain pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has objected to claims 1-11 for various informalities. In response thereto, the claims have been editorially amended, taking the Examiner's comments into consideration. However, the portion of claim 1 which recited "disposed on a surface" was not changed in the manner suggested by the Examiner's Action, since the light emerging structure, as shown in figure 4, can include microstructures 33 which are formed on the same surface as the groove 32. It is submitted that the claims comply with all official provisions, and it is requested that this objection be withdrawn.

It is noted with great appreciation that the Examiner considers the subject matter of original claim 7 as being allowable over the art of record. In particular, the Examiner's Action notes that the prior art fails to disclose that the light coupling structure of the light guide sheet is disposed substantially under the light source. In response, Applicants' independent claim 1 has been amended to

include this allowable feature, as well as a portion of the recitation found within intervening claim 4. Since the prior art does not disclose or suggest the subject matter amended into independent claim 1, all of the Examiner's prior art rejections have been rendered moot, and this application has therefore been placed into condition for allowance. Such action and the passing of this case to issue are requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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